

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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RATION FOR TEA ESTATE WORKERS
Sen Smt. Minati

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to discontinue the supply of ration to the families of the tea estate workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review its decision in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if not, the other steps taken by the Government to ensure supply of foodgrains to the said workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): The Union Government makes allocation of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for different categories (APL, BPL & AAY) @ 35 kg per family per month as per the established norms.

Regarding distribution of ration to the families of the Tea estate workers, the Union Government has directed the State Government of West Bengal to bring the tea garden workers under TPDS by giving APL Ration Cards to eligible Tea Garden Workers and designating the retail outlets as Public Distribution System (PDS) retail outlets.